

ST. JOSEPH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MARCH 17, 2022

Members in Attendance:

	Rev. Jeffrey Hennes	715-341-1617
2023	Tim Higgins Co-President	715-592-4110
2022	Theron Nash Co-President	715-315-1314
2023	Mike Daniels	715-340-4857
2022	Lynn Meyer	715-341-7104
2022	Kris Strigel	715-341-8060
2023	Sally Nash	715-315-1314

Absent/Excused Members:

2022	Lorie Liss	715-630-4809
2023	John Lutz	715-341-5353
2022	Dave Osier	715-544-0674

- I. Meeting began at 6:05 with an opening prayer led by Fr. Hennes.
- II. Minutes reviewed and accepted with corrections.
- III. Featured Discussion - Parish Council Elections:
 - A. Nominations: Discussion was held regarding the best way to collect nominations. It was decided that in-person nominations would be best, and will take place at Mass the weekend of April 3 & 10. Fr. Hennes will contact nominees
 - B. Voting: It was requested that a brief bio/picture be provided for nominees to help fellow parishioners know who each person is. Kris will contact Bob Rogers to see if he would be willing to assist. Voting will take place the weekend of May 1.
 - C. Current Members up for Reelection:
 1. Theron, will take some time to consider
 2. Dave, Fr. Hennes will contact
 3. Kris, will take some time to consider
 4. Lynn, thinking no
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Diocesan Capital Campaign
 1. Clarifications were made regarding a few details shared at the January meeting. Our Campaign is set to begin in January 2023.
 2. Sub-Committee Formed: Theron Nash, Mike Daniels and Mike Bialas
 - B. Annual Appeal:
 1. Currently at 68%/\$39,785.
 - C. Boiler Update:
 1. Contract is approved and signed, waiting for parts, install should occur after Easter and take about one week.
 - D. Synod on Synodality
 1. Sessions to be held on April 3 & 5. Currently 8 are registered to attend the two sessions.
 2. Holy Name will provide snacks and refreshments.
 3. Members of the Council will assist with setup, note taking and clean-up.
 - E. Parish Appreciation Night
 1. A previous date was scheduled, but overlooked. Has been rescheduled to September 24.
 - F. Vision Committee:
 1. A review meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 10, 2022. Lynn will meet with Fr. Hennes to plan the evening.
- V. New Business
 - A. Alpha
 1. Mike and Sally shared their profound experiences that occurred at a retreat held the prior weekend. All attending programs through St. Brons have shared that they feel this would be a good program for St. Joseph and would help bring back and invigorate those who have fallen away.
 2. It was suggested that we begin the program in the fall of 2022. A subcommittee will meet with Fr. Hennes to discuss further details and possibilities.
 - B. Rectory Usage
 1. The Afghan family has moved to more permanent housing. Currently the Rectory is vacant, but it is offered as part of the DRE benefits as housing for candidates.

C. Picnic Raffle Basket

1. Lynn will take on this task, with members making donations to cover costs.

D. Riverfront Bingo

1. A few individuals are considering taking this endeavor on. It was discussed that we possibly use the proceeds from this event as a donation to the Community Park that will be located at the former Emerson School site.

E. Stone Signs

1. Stones that were removed from the School building are located near the garage. Buildings & Grounds was wondering if there was a plan for these items or if we could discard them. After discussion it was thought that possibly they could be a focal point for landscaping, but due to their weight and size it might be difficult. It was thought that there would be possible uses for repurposing them, a notice will be placed in the bulletin.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Education

1. Lent programming: The Lenten Little Black Book was purchased and made available, no discussion groups were held this year. A program offered through Ascension Press, "No Greater Love" is offered each Thursday of Lent at St. Stephen & St. Joseph parishes. Attendance at each session is approximately 12-14.
2. Pacelli: St. Stephen school is looking to expand and offer a Pre-K classroom at the site. Some renovations will occur for a room for after-school care. Reviews are being made to the subsidy process for the parishes. Building usage agreements are also being created for the parish sites with schools.
3. CCD: The year is winding down. The Middle School students will attend a Rally on March 30 and the High School students will attend a rally on April 27.
4. DRE Position: There are two good candidates for the position. A hiring committee has been formed for interviewing candidates.

B. Buildings & Grounds

1. Looking at possible projects that could be built into the Diocesan Capital Campaign promotion.

C. Call to Justice

1. Collection for Ukraine has begun and will accept items through April 10. Our collection will be combined with Pacelli. The collection is sponsored through the Diocese and Chalice of Mercy.
2. A "Thank You" on behalf of the Afghan family was shared for our generosity and kindness.

D. Sacred Worship

1. The last meeting included discussions regarding the Lenten offerings. Further discussion will be had for Holy Week.
2. The Sunday Choir will be continuing to use the Choir Loft so the piano was moved out of the church, and some pews and a candle rack were re-arranged. If/when the Choir wishes to return to the front, we will rearrange.
3. Reopening of Wyatt Street entrance. It was questioned whether the doors for the Wyatt Street entrance would be unlocked. Concerns of the Committee were shared. Discussion will continue.

E. St. Anne

1. As part of the Vision, a goal was to create a brochure and this has been completed.
2. The next meeting will be held in April and a speaker from the Nicaraguan group will be joining us.
3. There is discussion to have a kitchen cleaning day in April or May, it was suggested to wait until after Picnic.

F. Holy Name

1. The St. Joseph's dinner was canceled due to Omicron concerns at the time of planning.
2. Men's prayer group attendance has been good, but down a bit from previous numbers. Discussion has been good and fruitful.

VII. Next Meeting: May 26, 2022 at 6 p.m.

VIII. Meeting closed with prayer at 7:54 p.m.

Annual Agenda Items: Stipend for Choir Directors (Nov./Prior to Easter); Lenten Book, Thank You List (January); Picnic Basket (March); Tithing/Vision Statement (May); Christmas Basket (November)